

**From the
classroom to
the world!**

Project Search Newsletter

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**Spring Graduation
2011**

A Quick Word..

It is hard to believe another year of Project Search has been completed at Good Samaritan Hospital!! I am still amazed at the students and what they are like when they begin Search and what they become at the conclusion of the Project! That is by far the best part of our job... the growth, maturity and development that this program fosters. Dave and I want to thank Good Samaritan for being a giant classroom for the Search students to learn and grow your support, patience, and flexibility have been key to the success of this program. We also want to thank Kearney Public Schools for their support and guidance for this amazing program. Thanks to Vocational Rehabilitation for their guidance and consultation of the past and present interns. Also more importantly this program would not be possible without all the parents who "made" their students participate in Search!! Hopefully it was worth the persuasion! Your support was sincerely appreciated! Finally, thank you to the interns for being willing to take a chance, to learn and grow (although sometimes against your will) I hope you have learned many skills, made new friendships and have great memories you will recall for a lifetime!

Update: Last year's class ended with five interns. Two of those interns were employed at Good Samaritan Hospital. Wytt is employed in Patient Transport and Sariah in Sterile Processing. Taylor and Jessica were employed at West Pharmaceutical at the end of the year! Aaron works at UNK in the new dorms in the Kitchen. This year's class also graduates five interns. Alexis works at Taco John's. Michaela completed her CNA and works at St. Johns. Allie works at Pizza Hut. Spencer works at the Spaghetti Shop and Jason has a couple potential employment opportunities.



Project search Class of 2011!

Parting Words From Our Interns



Spencer Schultz

Department Rotation: Maintenance

All the internship locations:

- Nutrition Services
- Maintenance
- (EVS) Environmental Services

Project Search has been a lot of fun and I am glad I was a part of it.

I would like to thank my mom and dad, Ms. Gappa and Dave, as well as all of the Project Search kids. Being able to also work with people like Ben, Roger, Rick and Jim helped more than you know.

In the future I hope to move in to my own place, after I do the 18 to 21 Program with Kearney Public Schools and then I am free

Alexis Wolberg

Department Rotation: (HIM)

Health Information Management.

All the internship locations:

- Educational Services and Health Information Management
- Facilities Management
- Inpatient Rehabilitation and Nutrition Services
- At the start I didn't know what Project Search was going to be like, but I found it wasn't that scary. I've learned how to interview for a career. Meeting new people everyday has been a great experience.

I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me and been there for me.

- Someday I would like to take a Microsoft Word Class at Central Community College so I can get a job in the clerical field.





Allie Moore

Department Rotation: Daycare

All the internship locations:

- Daycare
- Nutrition Services
- Health Information Management

In the beginning I thought Project Search was going to be hard because I might not be able to figure out what I was supposed to do, but I actually caught on pretty fast and love all the places I have worked. I have learned the importance of attendance and to do my very best. I will always remember all the great people and making many new friends.

I want to thank all the people that made it possible for me to get through Project Search.

In the future I hope to attend college and study to be a preschool teacher. I also want to get my drivers license and keep working at Pizza Hut.

Jason Duryea

Department Rotation: Materials Management

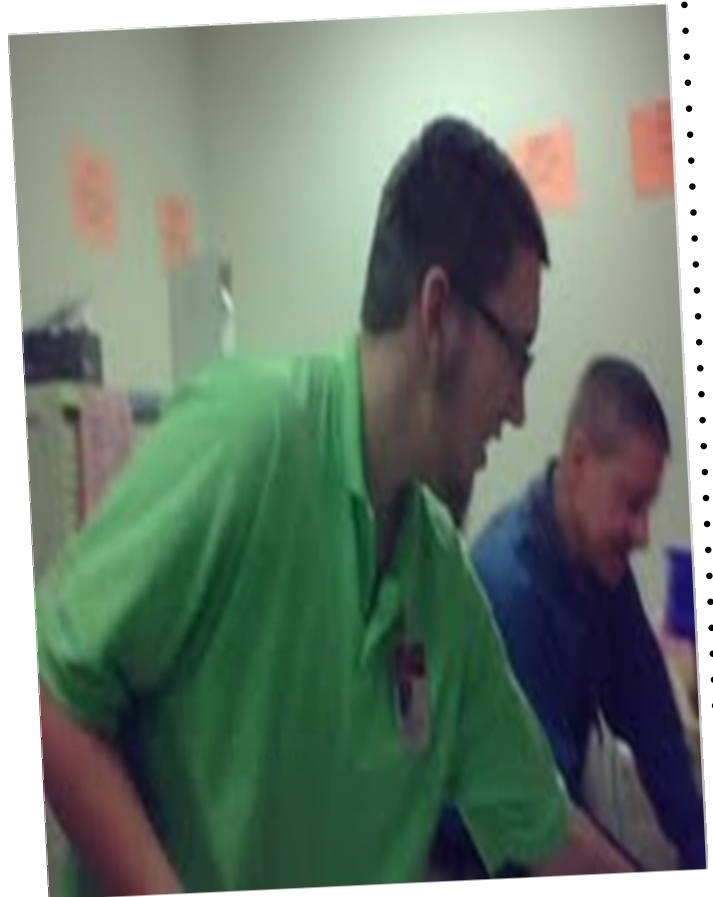
All the internship locations:

- Environmental Services
- Patient Transport
- Maintenance

At the start of Project Search I wasn't sure I wanted to be a part of it or not, but I'm glad I stuck it out because it has been a great experience.

I want to thank everyone for giving me great memories and work experiences that will help me as I grow. I really like being a part of something important, and that is what I got in this program.

In the future I hope to get a good job where I can use what I have learned to make things better for me and my mom.





Michaela Sorenson

Department Rotation: Daycare

All the internship locations:

- Nutrition Services
- Daycare
- Patient Transport

I want to start by thanking everyone who supported me this year. I have learned to be organized and work hard. One of the things I will remember the most is when one of the kids at daycare got stuck in the window of a toy house.

At the start of the year I thought Project Search was not what I thought it was going to be exactly like High School, but it was 10 times better and had less drama. In the future I plan to continue my work at St John's and move out on my own.

**Thank You Good Samaritan Hospital and All
Our System Partners For Making This
Program The Success that It Is...We Couldn't
Do What We Do Without You!**

What one of the departments has to say about the program...

“Project Search has had a positive impact on employees in Nutrition Services. Not knowing what to expect can cause some uncertainty in the work place but the Project Search Team at Good Samaritan has made the experience positive for the students as well as the work area. Steph and Dave are very visible, checking on the student and talking to department supervisors and employees about the student’s progress. Employees within the department could easily see that these students are set up to succeed. It is also very rewarding to see the student’s growth in such a short period of time. We appreciate having the opportunity and look forward to the continued participation with Project Search.”

Eileen King, Nutrition Manager
Jan Hankey, Director of Nutrition Services

